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Motorcycle Awareness Month



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Sunday  
May 19, 2013**



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## ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

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### Motorcycle Rights & Safety Dedicated to

#### "Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.

ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

#### We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are "anti-helmet law" if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

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## Membership Due



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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dianna L. Aberman              | Brad "Captain Brad" Helton        |
| Alfredo "Newcomer" Acevedo     | Bianca Kasper                     |
| Bryan S "BSA" Anderson         | Jerry M "Nub" Kingsbury           |
| Charlene Antinoro              | Robert Kraft                      |
| German "Gman" Aristegui        | Rebecca "Becky" Krantz            |
| James "Jimbo" Barron           | Marie Larkins                     |
| Sandra Bata                    | Larry Leonhardt                   |
| Jerry Benoit                   | Scott "Gunner" Lowe               |
| Marjorie Broda                 | Ron "Captain Ron" Mallet          |
| Michael "Shadow" Bryan         | Ray "Zebo" McVey                  |
| Darrell "Driver" Byers         | Gordon "Ironsides" Mobley         |
| Fred Carpenter                 | Jeffrey P "Captain" Munsell       |
| Rick "Squirrel" Ceballos       | Angela Nieman                     |
| Robert "Sparks" Clements       | Donna Marie "CrazyLady" Rosegreen |
| Frank "Poppie" Cocchi          | Barry "Teddybear" Sadoff          |
| Alan Cohen                     | Lynda "Boots" Sadoff              |
| Charlene "Char" Comeau         | Maryanne "Blondie" Sarner         |
| Dave Conklin                   | Glenn "Wrench" Saunders           |
| Raymond "PIA" Cormico          | Sandra "Slinky" Saunders          |
| Andrew "Icepick" Corsetti      | Judy Stewart                      |
| Theresa Curbelo                | Ernest Styar                      |
| Vincent DiGiacomo              | Louie "El Comandante" Subirats    |
| Lantz Duncan                   | Russ Tyler                        |
| Debbie "Leopard" Farmer        | Monica Vernam                     |
| Ronald G "Shovelhead" Fulmer   | Anna H Viger                      |
| Fernando "Fero Burn" Garantiva | Kathy "Kat" Weiss                 |
| Mimi "Giddyup" Gillespie       | Bill "Hacksaw" Widdick            |
| Michael Goldbach               | Kenneth "Kaveman" Wilkins         |

**Thanks if you have  
already renewed**

**For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:**

*membership@abatese.org or by phone: 954-385-2837*

\* PLEASE NOTE \*

***You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.***

We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

## ATTENTION

Yearly membership pins are available for purchase when you renew your membership.

Shirts and patches available also.

Call Bob "Bars" Calabrese at:  
(954) 567-5720  
for more details!!

*ABATE products may also be purchased at:*



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## Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes APRIL 21, 2013

Sgt @ Arms, George "GEO" Bograkos called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. There were 47 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 47. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing and West Texas factory explosion.

### Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming especially the show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, Keltics MC, American Legion Riders, Dirty White Boys, Scurvy Few, Wings of Gold, VVA 23 and Post 321. On a sad note, one of our members, Sherry Bauer passed away. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

ABATE State Vice President Jim Gladstone has resigned. Emory Griffis has been appointed interim Vice President until the next State Election.

### Vice-Presidents Report

Poppi thanked all our members for coming out. Take a read of his article in this month's newsletter regarding smokers versus non-smokers. The bottom line is: Be Courteous To One Another

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March's meeting as printed in the newsletter with one correction. Under new business, nominations Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis's name was misspelled. With the secretary's apology the motion was seconded all in favor motion passed

### Treasurer's Report

Frank was excused. Paul read the financial report for March. A motion was made to accept the financial report for March, seconded, all in favor motion passed

### Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo thanked all our members for coming out today. Our Memorial Day Event will be held next month at Café 27. We will need everyone's help in order to succeed. We only have 3 events per year to raise the necessary funds we need to operate. We all know about the financial position we are in. Our newsletter is the number 1 cost item we have. In order to make the

newsletter self sufficient, we need to be pro active. We are the largest chapter in the state, if every member gets JUST 1 business card ad this will offset the costs of printing, mailing etc. Our newsletter is the backbone of our cause and the reason why we are here. We need to move forward and get to the point where the newsletter will pay for itself. We must make this effort together.

### Road Captain's Report

Wrench reported after the meeting we will be headed to Café 27.

### Safety Directors Report

Dave was excused. No report. Old Hippy reported next month is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Since Governor Scott vetoed our safety money this year, a suggestion was made to try to get sponsorship for businesses to offset the cost of safety items in exchange for their advertising being displayed on the item. I.E. bumper stickers can say this sticker sponsored and paid for by ABC group etc

### Products Report

Cathy and Joel have products. If you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481.

### Events Coordinator

Princess Sharon reported we are all set for our Memorial Day event, which will be held at Café 27. We will have a planning meeting Tuesday night April 30th at 7:30 pm here at the American Legion all members are asked to attend. We also need door prizes. Wherever you go, all you have to do is ask.

### State Reps Report

The state meeting was held in Tallahassee. See the masterlink for full details. Next state meeting will be in June on the West Coast. This is a great day trip just across Alligator Alley, which will give you the opportunity to meet and greet your state board, and members from chapters through out the state.

### Membership Report

George reported we have 659 members on the books. Our newest Life Member is Bob McPhee. We are still #1 in the state. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a

way that we can read it. Please notify us if you move and change your address. We have had a number of renewals returned because members have moved and have left no forwarding address.

### Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

### Legislative Report

Demetrious reported on the Texting while Driving Law. As previously reported this will be a secondary offence and will not pertain to law enforcement or public service employees. In addition it will only apply to using the keyboard on your phone. It does not apply if you are using a voice to text program. In addition there is legislation in the works on providing safety courses to drivers with disabilities and automated driving vehicles. These are computer-guided cars. Bad enough the cagers say they can't see us, now we will have cars being driven by computers to say: I Did Not See Them. I know this sounds sarcastic but take a close look. At least the computer can be programmed to take a motorcycle into consideration, the computer won't be texting, and it can see over the steering wheel and will definitely not drive 40 MPH in the left hand lane of 95. HB 15 was passed. This bill states any protester at a military funeral must stay at least 500 ft away from the proceedings.

### Public Relations

Fern Was Excused. You Can Always Find Her At An Event Promoting Abate.

### Advertising

Pixie reported all advertising was up-to-date Please Use Her Email Address For Any Advertising Questions Or Issues: Pixie33@Comcast.Net. Support our advertisers, they support us.

### Social Directors Report

Patty reported next month's birthday party will be held right here at the legion on 5/31/13. GEO's band will be playing for our enjoyment. All are welcome.

### Newsletter Distribution

Charlie reported all is going well. He wanted to say a special thank you to GEO and Teresa and all our members to deliver the newsletters for us

### Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused. No report

### Photographer's Report

We are sorry to here that Ada will be moving. We wish her

all the best in the future and thank her for all of her hard work.

### Web-Master's Report

Mike was excused. No report. BARS reported the web site is up. If you have any problems, please contact Rogue

### Legal Council

Demetrious reported there was nothing to report.

### Old Business

2nd Round of Nominations for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Trustees.  
Steve Chomak, Supervisor of Elections  
See Page 8 for the List of Nominees

### New Business

A motion was made, seconded to move the June meeting as it falls on Fathers Day.  
Meeting to be held on June 23, 2013. Discussion followed.  
A vote was called for, all in favor motion passed.

### Good of the Order

Today- ABATE Birthday Party- Café 27 right after the meeting  
May 5th – Southern MC Annual. Meeting location has been changed for this ride only. Meeting at Café 27 between 1000am and 1130am. KSU at 12oon.  
May 4th and 5th. Motorcycle Mayhem Rally at Café 27. We will have our Safety and Products at this event. Please come out to assist. This is a great opportunity to promote our Memorial Day Event. For more information please contact BARS.  
USMV MC -Open house on the 4th Friday of the month.  
Scurvy Few MC- Texas Hold Em every Thursday  
Open House every Friday  
Birthday Party on the 2nd Sat of each month. All are welcome

All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321 unless otherwise advised.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned 11:55am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

*Paul A. Melcer*



## Nominations for the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Trustees.

<b>President</b>			<b>Products</b>		
Robert "BARS" Calabrese	incumbent	Accepted	Cathy & Joel Honeycutt	incumbent	Accepted
Frank "Poppi" Cocci		Declined			
Robert "Old Hippy" Leavitt		Undecided			
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak		Accepted			
<b>Vice-President</b>			<b>Membership</b>		
Frank "Poppi" Cocci	incumbent	Accepted	George "Blue Trike" Torrence	incumbent	Accepted
Robert "Shaky" Nieman		Declined	Jimmy "Les" Lesniak		Declined
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<b>Secretary</b>			<b>Newsletter Editor</b>		
Paul A. Melcer	incumbent	Accepted	Robert "Old Hippy" Leavitt	incumbent	Undecided
			LeAnn " Wildcat" Lewis		Accepted
<b>Treasurer</b>			<b>Legislative Liaison</b>		
Frank T. Hammons	incumbent	Accepted	Chris Sharpe	incumbent	Undecided
			Demetrious Kirkiles		Declined
			Gabrera Carrera		Undecided
			Robert "Old Hippy" Leavitt		Accepted
			Mike "Rogue" Hagar		Undecided
<b>Sgt. @ Arms</b>			<b>Public Relations</b>		
George "GEO" Bograkos	incumbent	Undecided	Fern Cameron	incumbent	Undecided
Al "Newcomer" Acevedo		Undecided	Ada "Brownie" Hibbs		Declined
Curtis "Stretch" Levin		Undecided	Jimmy "Les" Lesniak		Declined
Daniel "Postal" Ortner		Declined			
Glenn "Wrench" Saunders		Accepted			
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak		Undecided			
<b>Road Captain</b>			<b>Events Coordinator</b>		
Glenn "Wrench" Saunders	incumbent		Robert "Shaky" Nieman	incumbent	Accepted
Daniel "Postal" Ortner		Accepted	Sharon " Princess Sharon" Bryan	incumbent	
Robert "Shaky" Nieman		Declined	Al " ACE" Ryant		Declined
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak		Declined	Al " Newcomer" Acevedo		Declined
			Ann Marie Acevedo		Declined
<b>Safety Director</b>			<b>Social Director</b>		
Dave " Gimp" Gregory	incumbent	Declined	Patty Dollard	incumbent	Undecided
Suzanne Keene		Declined	Jim "Gambler" Willard		Declined
Robert "Old Hippy" Leavitt		Undecided	Karin "Princess Etwaba" Rylands		Declined
Al "ACE" Ryant		Declined			
<b>State Representatives</b>			<b>Quartermaster</b>		
Chris Sharpe	incumbent	Undecided	Bob Anz	incumbent	Undecided
Demetrious Kirkiles	incumbent	Accepted			
Robert "Old Hippy" Leavitt		Undecided			
Brad Winston		Undecided			
Gabrera Carrera		Undecided			
Alice Calabrese		Declined			
Robert "BARS" Calabrese		Accepted			
Jimmy "Les" Lesniak		Undecided			
Paul A. Melcer		Undecided			
<b>Legal Council</b>			<b>Chaplain</b>		
Chris Sharpe	incumbent	Undecided	Frank "Poppi" Cocci	incumbent	Accepted
Demetrious Kirkiles	incumbent	Accepted	Jim "Tumbleweed" McLean		Undecided
Brad Winston		Undecided	Suzanne Keene		Undecided
Gabrera Carrera		Undecided			

Nominations closed until next month's meeting

April 21, 2013 Steve Chomak, Supervisor of Elections  
Members who were nominated but not present at the meeting are shown as undecided



## President's Message

On Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> the Southeast Chapter of ABATE will be holding its Memorial Day Event at Cafe 27. This year we will have Soulcide playing for us and when they start playing then the party really starts to rock. This is one of three parties that we put each year on to try and raise money to print our newsletter and pay our expenses. We do not have a house or monthly dues. We get \$10 for every Yearly or \$50 for every Life Membership to try and keep going until our next Party. So please come out and support us so that you can have a voice in Tallahassee. Shaky Bob and Princess Sharon, our Events Coordinators, are making sure that we have plenty of vendors for you to check out when the band is not playing. We will be honoring the Veterans from the Sandy Novinger Nursing Home and all Veterans with a ceremony including a twenty-one gun salute and the playing of taps. Now that spring is here and summer is just around the corner and you are thinking about getting out of South Florida and seeing the rest of the country make sure that you check and see if any of the laws have changed where you are going to ride your motorcycle. I know that ABATE of Utah is happy to announce that Senator Weilen has decided to pull his proposed mandatory helmet law for Utah. There used to be 39 states with some kind of helmet laws and only 2 states with no laws at all; Illinois and Iowa. With Michigan and now Utah that's makes 41 states that you can ride in with a few restrictions. Make sure you also check about the changes that you made to the equipment on your bike and what the laws may be in the states where you plan to travel. Maybe in 10 years we will be able to ride our bikes in all 50 states with freedom of choice...

Now remember when you are riding and its starts to rain and you see lighting in the distance and you think that you are safe, well, think again. William John Carr of Pompano Beach was struck by lighting and killed. He was riding with a group of fellow motorcyclists went he was struck at 4:13 on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> and passed away the next day. It happened in 2010. A witness to the accident said that the force of the strike was strong enough to destroy any protection that Carr may have had. He was a firefighter like the friends that he was riding with. Bill was going to retire after 29 years on the job in 6 months. Don't think this can't happen to you. Be safe out there.

The Southeast Chapter of ABATE would like to congratulate Lee Johnson of Orange Park, Fl. For winning the \$10,000 that was given away at the ABATE campground at Bike Week this year. When the Southeast Chapter of ABATE began in Oct. 1980 we started working to change the helmet laws to leave the choice to you. On July 1, 2001 H. B. 1911 went into effect to allow freedom of choice. Now in 2013 ABATE is working to pass legislation to ban the use of your cell phone and text-messaging while driving. The legislative session ends May 3rd. In my June article I will give you a full report on House & Senate bills that concern us.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Jim Gladstone resigned as Vice-President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Danny "Doc" Fish, President of ABATE of FL, Inc. after much thought decided to put Emory Griffis in as interim Vice – President to fill the remaining term.

Remember,  
HERE TODAY GONE TODAY  
Bars



# From the Vice President



Let's hope and pray that our Memorial Day Event does real well, plus we need everybody to come out to support and help wherever we can.

We really need this event to be a big success.

As you might already know our Abate Southeast Chapter is going through a little financial trouble, we need to generate funds and this event is our largest fund raiser for the year.

We need to get more ads in our Newsletter to help defer the large expense it takes to produce. We can all be sales persons, so we all need to get out and try to sell ads. Everywhere you do business can be a potential advertiser, just ask, you might be surprised. We have a great Newsletter it's not hard to sell.

We, as your Board will consider any and all suggestions for making money. I really hate talking about our financial situation, I know it's a sign of the times, however, it has to be addressed.

Your Board is trying to do all we can, but we need everybody's help. Once again I'd like to ask for everyone's help at our event and to help make this a big success.

V.P.  
Poppie



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BLUES BAND 1-5 PM

**ABATE**

Memorial Day Event  
Sunday May 26

JUST NORTH OF GRIFFIN RD. ON US 27

# OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER

I was doing some researching for a column, when I ran across a paper written by a Neil M Richards, Professor of Law, Washington University School of Law on Surveillance and found it interesting. He brought out some very good points and here is just a few:

We are living in an age of surveillance. The same digital technologies that have revolutionized our daily lives over the past three decades have also created ever more detailed records about those lives. In addition, new technologies, from surveillance cameras and web bugs to thermal scanners and GPS transponders like the ones in your phone, have increased the ability to track, observe, and monitor. The scope and variety of the types of surveillance that are possible today are unprecedented in human history. This fact alone should give us concern.

From the Fourth Amendment to George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four, and from the Electronic Communications Privacy Act to films like Minority Report and The Lives of Others, our law and literature are full of warnings about state scrutiny of our lives. These warnings are commonplace, but they are rarely very specific. Other than the vague threat of an Orwellian dystopia, as a society we don't really know why surveillance is bad and why we should be wary of it. To the extent that the answer has something to do with "privacy," we lack an understanding of what "privacy" means in this context and why it matters. We've been able to live with this state of affairs largely because the threat of constant surveillance has been relegated to the realms of science fiction and failed totalitarian states.

But these warnings are no longer science fiction. The digital technologies that have revolutionized our daily lives have also created minutely detailed records of those lives. In an age of terror, our government as shown a keen willingness to acquire this type of data and use it, for unknown purposes. We know that governments have been buying and borrowing private-sector databases, and we recently learned that the National Security Agency (NSA) has been building a massive data and supercomputing center in Utah, apparently with the goal of intercepting and storing much of the world's Internet communications for decryption and analysis.

Even a cursory overview of the kinds of surveillance that are being performed today reveals the scope of the surveillance problem. At the level of state surveillance, it should be no surprise that autocratic regimes have been among the worst offenders. For example, China and North Korea has used Internet activity to detect and censor dissidents, and states resisting the Arab Spring uprisings have also keenly sought social media data in order to stem the tide of the revolts. Some activists also suspect that the Vietnamese government may have used computer viruses to monitor the Internet activity and private data of dissidents protesting government mining policies.

Surveillance is not just for governments either. Private companies big and small generate vast fortunes from the collection, use, and sale of personal data. At the broadest level, we are building an Internet that is on its face free to use, but is in reality funded by billions of transactions where advertisements are individually targeted at Internet users based upon detailed profiles of their reading  
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# From the desk of the Editor

First I would like acknowledge our new supportive advertisers; Chester's Harley,(pg2), Choppers Zoo (pg19), Marin's Davie gun and Pawn ( pg21), and Scurvy Few (pg31). Without the support of these and also our current ones we could not be able to achieve our goals and purpose of the organization.

May also ends the home stretch for all the bills introduced in the Florida session. Already bills are being sign in law by the Governor who is also looking for a new lieutenant governor after she resigned March 12 amid a gambling investigation into a non-profit for which she once did consulting work for. Don't fret; she landed a job in a leadership position at a company that makes military ordnance and grenade launchers. Most of all that are making it to the floor lately deal with Health care and budget issues. As this session comes to a close, with some exceptions, most of the bills have be altered going through committees so much that some of them are no more than a formality, like the texting bill.

Just a reminder that this month is also Mother's Day and I hope to see all of you at our Memorial Day event

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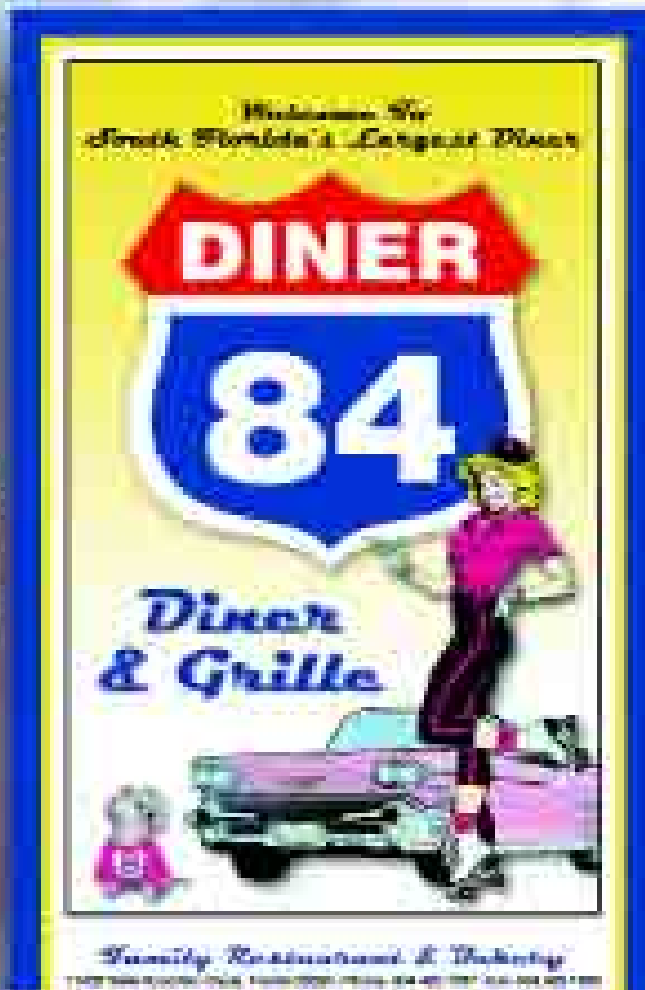
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and consumer habits. Such “behavioral advertising” is a multibillion-dollar business, and is the foundation on which the successes of companies like Google and Facebook have been built. One recent study concludes that this form of surveillance is so ingrained into the fabric of the Internet “that a small number of companies have a window into most of our movements.

American law governing surveillance is piecemeal, spanning constitutional protections such as the Fourth Amendment, statutes like the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 198640 (ECPA), and private law rules such as the intrusion-into-seclusion tort. But the general principle under which American law operates is that surveillance is legal unless forbidden. Perhaps out of a fear that surveillance might be used to suppress dissent, American law contains some limited protections against government surveillance of purely political activity. For example, government investigators in antiterrorism cases possess a powerful tool known as the National Security Letter (NSL). NSLs are statutory authorizations by which the FBI can obtain information about people from their telephone companies, Internet service providers, banks, credit agencies, and other institutions with which those people have a relationship.

This information can be obtained by crossing a very low threshold — the FBI must merely certify in writing that the request is “relevant to an authorized investigation to protect against international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities.” Communications and bank records sought under the ECPA and the RFPA are protected by the additional requirement that the FBI certify that “such an investigation of a United States person is not conducted solely upon the basis of activities protected by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Despite these protections, courts lack the tools to enforce them. This problem predates the current NSL framework. For example, in 1967, the President ordered the U.S. Army to engage in surveillance of domestic dissident groups, fearing civil disorder in the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The program expanded over time to become a large-scale military surveillance program of the

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Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee



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domestic political activities of American citizens So far so bad. Or maybe not. Putting the oppression of totalitarian states to one side, public and private surveillance can have beneficial effects. All other things being equal, greater security from crime and terrorism is a good thing. So too are the conveniences of modern communications, email, and the power of a search engine in our pocket valuable advances that improve our quality of life. And a sensible system of automated traffic regulation can save money and direct scarce police resources to serious criminals rather than ordinary motorists. As a society, we are thus of two minds about surveillance. On the one hand, it is creepy, Orwellian, and corrosive of civil liberties. On the other hand, it keeps us and our children safe. It makes our lives more convenient and gives us the benefit of a putatively free Internet. Moreover, some influential thinkers argue that data surveillance does not affect privacy at all. As Judge Posner puts it: The collection, mainly through electronic means, of vast amounts of personal data is said to invade privacy. But machine collection and processing of data cannot, as such, invade privacy. Because of their volume, the data are first sifted by computers, which search for names, addresses, phone numbers, etc., that may have intelligence value. This initial sifting, far from invading privacy (a computer is not a sentient being), keeps most private data from being read by any intelligence officer Surveillance is thus confusing. We like its benefits, though we are both fearful (but sometimes dismissive) of its costs. This confusion points to a larger problem: civil liberties advocates lack a compelling account of when and why (if at all) surveillance is


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- 5 - **SOUTHERN MC Annual**
- 19 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC Miami Annual**
- 26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

## JUNE

- 8 - **NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual**
- 15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1<sup>st</sup>er's Memorial
- 23 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual**
- 30 - USMV MC Broward party

## JULY

- 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off
- 28 - **SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC Annual**

## AUGUST

- 3 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
- 8-18 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 9-11, The 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 11 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 - Outcast MC Party
- 8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party
- 15 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 19-22 Peterson's 40th Key West Poker Run
- 29 - Keltics MC Party

## OCTOBER

- 5 - **MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual**
- 12 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 13 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 18-20 Biketoberfest
- 26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party

## NOVEMBER

- 9 - **USMVMC CH 1 Annual**
- 9 - CMA Memorial Event
- 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

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- 8 - **SFPC Toys in the Sun Run**
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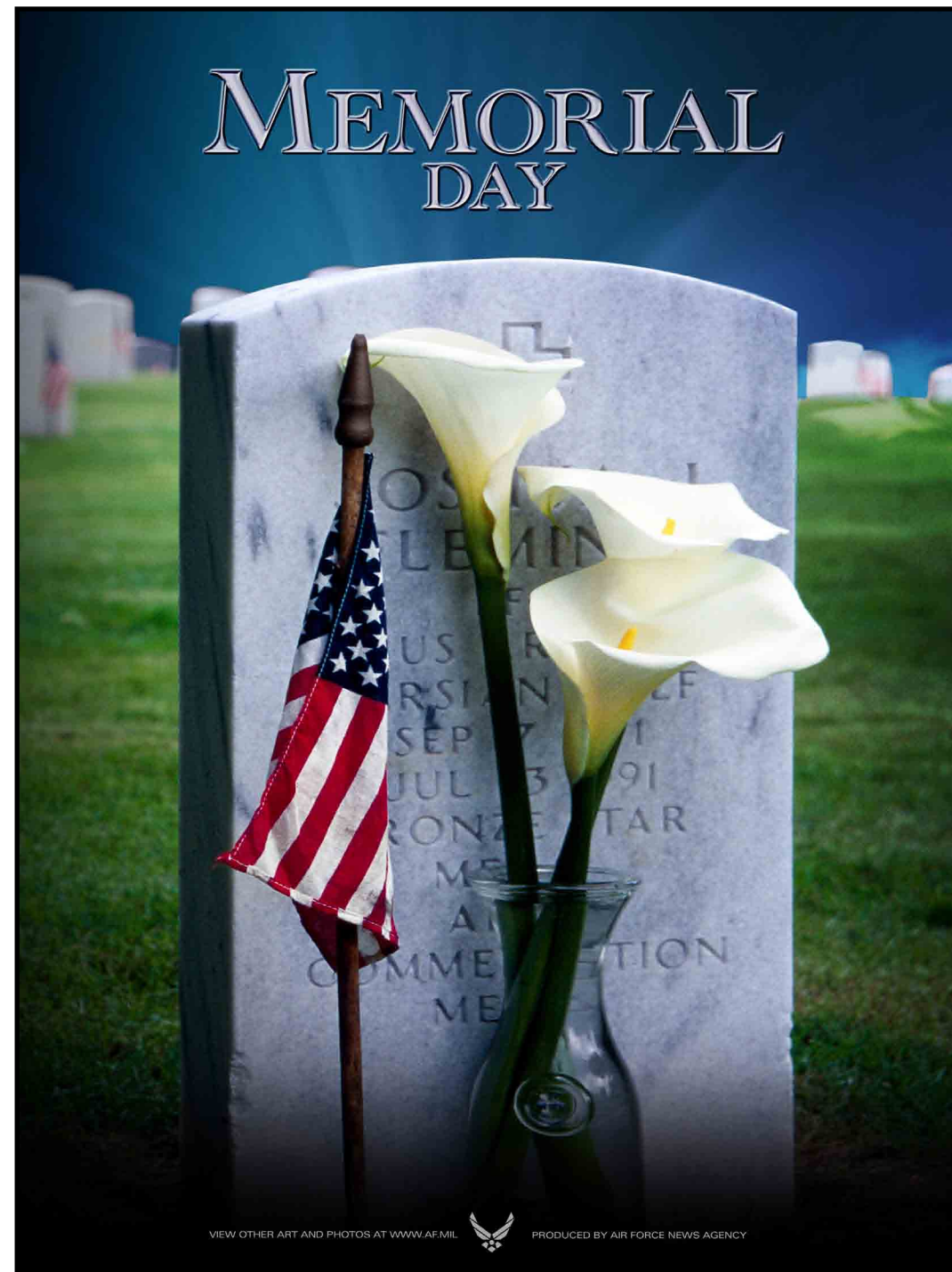
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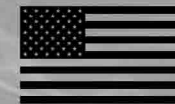
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harmful. As a society, we have an intuitive understanding that public- and private-sector surveillance is potentially bad, but we do not have an articulate explanation of why it is bad. Some of our intuitions stem from literature, such as George Orwell's chilling portrait of Big Brother in Nineteen Eighty-Four. But few critics of government surveillance such as the NSA wiretapping program and the British data-retention regulations would suggest that these programs are directly analogous to the evil regime depicted in Orwell's dystopia.

We need an account of when and why surveillance is problematic to help us see when we should regulate and when we should not. There are two lines of critique to the notion that surveillance does not create a legally cognizable injury: first, that surveillance by government and private actors threatens intellectual privacy and chills the exercise of vital civil liberties; and second, that surveillance affects the power balance between individuals and those who are watching, increasing the risk of persuasion, blackmail, and other harmful uses of sensitive information by others.

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But there are the times in our lives things happen that we can't take care of, but as humans we still try. I've been asked for advice on how to deal with these kind of situations, my answer is always look to Jesus and ask Him for help, and He will take care of any of your needs, there is nothing He can't do.

The key is letting go of control and I know that's not easy, we tend to still hang on to what we can't handle, and try to fix it ourselves. Have Faith in the fact that God is always in control, especially when we ask Him for help. Proverbs 3: 5&6 " Trust in The Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, and in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct paths".

In closing here's a prayer you might want to remember:  
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### May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

The sun shines, the birds sing and riders across the country swing their leg across their two-wheeled steeds to hit the open road. According to an article by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, there are a few basic rules to follow to ensure that everyone, riders and non-riders alike, can enjoy a beautiful and safe spring season. And with all motorcyclists (including me) hitting the streets, we ask that car drivers keep vigilant and look not only once, but several times, for riders. We are smaller than cars and harder to see in traffic.

1. Get properly trained and licensed — The best first ride is an MSF RiderCourseSM. Riding is serious fun and proper training is crucial. However, half of all riders today have never taken a proper safety class. Riders who already have basic skills, a license and at least six months experience can hone their techniques in MSF's Experienced RiderCourse or the Military Sportbike RiderCourse. MSF encourages riders to get as much training as possible, no matter how skilled they may be. Even the pros practice the basics to keep their skills sharp.
2. Wear all protective gear, all the time — T-shirts and shorts are good for the beach, but not for riding a motorcycle. Riders should gear up properly before every ride, even if just riding down the street on an errand. Wearing a DOT-compliant helmet and eye protection is the law in many states, required 24/7 for active duty personnel and while on the base/on duty for civilians (see Air Force Instruction 91-207) and is strongly recommended everywhere else. Wearing boots that cover over the ankle, long pants, and a riding jacket is also advisable. Built-in body armor is a smart addition, and can look pretty cool too. The Air Force also requires the upper outer garment to be brightly colored in the daytime and reflective at night. This helps other drivers see us!
3. Ride unimpaired by alcohol or other drugs — Bikes and booze don't mix. Government studies show that 46 percent of riders killed in motorcycle crashes had been drinking. While under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, a motorcyclist's necessary skills, including agility, perception and awareness, are decreased dramatically. In fact, having a blood-alcohol content greater than 0.05 percent increases the risk of crashing by about 40 times. So while it is bad enough to try to get behind the wheel of a car while buzzed or drunk, hopping on a machine that requires maximum control and concentration is simply stupid.
4. Ride within your own skill limits and obey traffic laws — Every rider should know the limits of their ability, and not attempt to exceed them. Humans weren't designed to fly, and unless you're a trained professional on a closed course, stunting, high speed or tricks can only cause you trouble. Follow all traffic laws and be conscious of how road conditions may affect your riding. Using sharp skills and common sense will keep you alive; trying to be Superman will not.
5. Be a lifelong learner by taking refresher RiderCourses — Motorcyclists should keep in mind that no matter how often or how long they've been riding, there is always room to learn something new. Taking an advanced course to brush up on the basics and work on perfecting current skills is a smart move for any rider.



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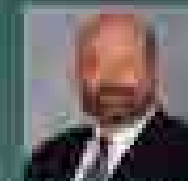
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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### FEDERAL BILL INTENDS TO STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS

On April 15, Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter to fellow members of Congress to garner sponsors for legislation he intends to introduce on May 6, 2013 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding."

"In the 112th Congress, I introduced H.R. 904, a bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation (DOT) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints," wrote Rep. Sensenbrenner to his peers. "Section 1 of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as H.R. 904. However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."

Under GRANT RESTRICTION, Section 2 reads; "The Secretary of Transportation may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, county, town, or township, Indian tribe, municipal or other local government to be used for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for an operator of motorcycle or passenger on a motorcycle."

In addition, the new legislation amends Section 153 of Title 23 USC by removing "motorcycle helmets" from the title. "This change will prohibit the DOT from providing grants to a State to enforce helmet laws," according to Sensenbrenner. "This will stop the DOT from manipulating State policies with federal money."

### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE APPROVES E15 PROHIBITION

The U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology approved H.R. 875 by a vote of 18-17 on April 11, which would revoke the Environmental Protection Agency's approval of E15 alcohol-laden

gasoline for sale to the public.

U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced H.R. 875 on February 28, which would require the federal EPA to stop the use of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) until its harmful effects are investigated further.

### NHTSA SEEKS TO SUBVERT PUBLIC SCRUTINY

The US Department of Transportation is looking to fast track adoption of rules, bypassing the public comment process and adopting rules directly. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has proposed to give itself "direct final rulemaking" authority which would allow the agency to declare a regulatory proposal, which carries the force of law, to be non-controversial and rush it into effect.

"NHTSA believes this procedural option would expedite the issuance of, and thereby save time and agency resources on, rules that are not controversial," the agency's proposed rule states.

NHTSA is responsible for a number of major rules, including the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) mandates that direct automobile manufacturers to meet certain mileage requirements. It also plays a major role in the design of vehicles by mandating various "safety" features such as rear-view cameras, "trunk entrapment" rules to foil kidnappers, and "quiet car" rules to require electric vehicles to make noise to alert blind pedestrians – Such rules cost the automobile industry billions of dollars in compliance costs, but could arguably be "noncontroversial."

Under procedures that allow a measure to take effect within sixty days of its publication in the Federal Register as a final rule, the public would have just thirty days to file an adverse comment to slow the process down, otherwise the final rule would automatically become effective.

### NEVADA CONSIDERS LANE-SPLITTING,

### FASTER SPEED LIMITS

The Silver State may soon adopt the Golden State's rule on lane sharing, as AB 236 has passed Assembly Committee on Transportation with only two committee members opposing the measure to allow motorcyclists to filter between lanes of slow-moving traffic. California is currently the only U.S. state that allows the practice, though "lane filtering" is commonplace throughout many other parts of the world.

Committee Chair and bill co-sponsor Richard Carrillo (D-Clark Co), a long-time rider, laid out one of the best reasons to split lanes -- avoiding a rear end collision -- saying "at the end of the day, I want to know that I'm going to come home and not be a part of the pavement or the back of somebody's truck or car. To me, this really resonates."

Next step – the bill goes before the full Assembly and the Senate.

In the meantime, the Nevada State Legislature may raise the maximum speed limit from 75 mph to 85 mph has passed the State Senate 15-6 on April 3 and the measure now goes over to the State Assembly for consideration. Introduced by Senator Don Gustavson (R-Sparks), a longtime advocate of bikers' rights who was awarded the NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Government, SB 191 would fast track NDOT to up the speed limit to 85 mph some open stretches of freeways, matching some 85mph speed limits posted in Texas .

### MOTORCYCLE LICENSE NOT REQUIRED IN ALABAMA , UNLESS BILL PASSES

Every state but one requires a motorcycle license or endorsement to operate a motorcycle, but in Alabama anyone 16 and older with a regular driver's license can also drive a motorcycle in the state.

An oversight in the 1990s led to the gap in the law and now DPS is supporting legislation to fix the mistake. The state Senate in February passed a bill to require motorcycle drivers to have a Class M

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endorsement on their license. The bill is pending in the House of Representatives.

Under current law, drivers can ask to take the knowledge test to get the Class M endorsement on their license, but the law does not require the endorsement to operate a motorcycle. Those who don't have the Class M endorsement are only legal driving a motorcycle as long as they are riding in Alabama.

Rep. Allen Farley (R-McCalla), House sponsor of the bill, said he would also eventually like to see a skills test. Forty states require a skills test for a motorcycle license, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

#### ABATE RECOGNIZED BY ARKANSAS LAWMAKERS

ABATE members from around the state gathered in Little Rock at the Arkansas House of Representatives on April 4, 2013 for the reading and vote on HR1040, which reads in part:

"The House of Representatives commends ABATE, the Arkansas Bikers Aiming Towards Education organization, for raising awareness of motorcycle safety issues; for promoting goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel, and the general public; for being an information resource for its members; and for working to benefit the less fortunate through various events."

#### OREGON PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE IT A CRIME TO BE LINKED TO A "GANG"

In an attempt to crack down on violent criminal activity, Oregon lawmakers are considering a bill that would make it a crime just being linked to what it defines as a "gang".

The big question is how would authorities decide who's a gang member and who's not, and the bill says any group of three or more people whose main purpose is criminal activity, has a commonly known

name or symbol and regularly engages in criminal acts would be considered a "criminal street gang."

Police currently track gang members, but there's no law against belonging to any particular organization even if that group is repeatedly tied to criminal activity, but House Bill 2679 and its companion, House Bill 2851, would give authorities another tool for cracking down on gang members because under the proposed law, just being a member would be a felony and subject to stiffer sentences.

The Oregon American Civil Liberties Union told lawmakers it is concerned that the definition of a "criminal street gang" is too vague. "The breadth of the bill and the confusion that will result from its definitions, or lack thereof, risks violating a defendant's due process rights because that defendant is not on notice of what activity is criminal," said the ACLU, adding that current laws are strong enough and urged lawmakers to not advance the bills.

#### MOTORCYCLE CLUB PUBLICATIONS BARRED BEHIND BARS

Last month we reported that the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars monthly newsletter was being banned from prisons in Australia, but now word comes from one of our own New England states that biker-related printed materials are being systematically rejected.

Referring to a note received from a Connecticut inmate, The Aging Rebel quoted on his website [www.agingrebel.com](http://www.agingrebel.com); "Here at our prison, last year they began to bar books about or by motorcycle club members. This includes the book "The Aging Rebel: Dispatches From The Motorcycle Outlaw Frontier" by Donald Charles Davis. These books are purely being banned because their subject matter includes motorcycle clubs. They use the 'catch-all' 'promotes criminal activity' while still allowing books on the Mafia, murder, kidnap-

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#### WEIRD NEWS: ILLEGAL ALIEN RULED INCOMPETENT FOR TRIAL

An illegal alien in Massachusetts who was drunk driving when he hit and dragged a Mass. motorcyclist to his death has been ruled incompetent to stand trial. Insane? No. Mentally handicapped? Nope... “Unique cultural background”? YES!

Despite numerous previous run-ins with the law, Judge Janet Kinton-Walker ruled that Nicolas Guaman’s “unique cultural background” prohibits him from understanding the U.S. legal process. The judge also ruled that Guaman lacks the ability to effectively consult with his attorney, according to FOX 25 in Boston that broke the story.

Defense attorneys across the nation will undoubtedly be watching this case very closely, and if Guaman somehow avoids justice you can count on this defense coming to a courthouse near you – “¿me entiendes?”

#### MORE WEIRDNESS: SMART APPS

What do Lady Antebellum, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the beauty store Sephora and the Facebook page “I Love Being a Mom” all have in common? Well, researchers at the University of Cambridge are claiming that “liking” those things on Facebook may be a sign of a low IQ.

According to [www.radio.com](http://www.radio.com), researchers in the U.K. took a close look at 58,000 Facebook users between 2007 and 2012, and correlated their “likes” with the strength of their IQ’s. If you’re wondering what “likes” translated to a high IQ, the items include curly fries and thunderstorms, so this is one study nobody is taking too seriously.

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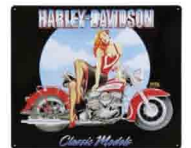
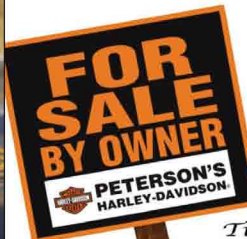
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#### GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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#### UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

**May 19, 2013 - Sunday 10 am**

**June 23, 2013- Sunday 10 am**

**at:**

**American Legion Post #321 Cooper City  
9081 SW 51<sup>st</sup> St. 954-434-0965**

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SW 51<sup>st</sup> St. then west 1/8 mile.*

**Come & join the ranks of those who care to be involved!**